EXCISE.

(*No. 160.*)

SUBJECT No. 160.

Prevention of drinking.

Messrs. Katte Channakesviah and Sankarappa, Tirthahalli Taluk.
Mr. A. Anantiah, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—(1) It is prayed that drinking may be prohibited.

Drinking being stated by doctors to be deleterious to health and the Koran and the Hindu Shastras also prohibiting drinking, Government may revise their Excise policy so that in the course of 25 years there should be no Excise shop in the State. The loss of revenue to the State should not, it is prayed, come in the way of the good intentions of Government.

Mr. Ananthaiya.—Every year 2 per cent of the shops should be closed. Government should so order, so that all toddy shops will cease to exist in a hundred years the most.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

FOREST.

(*No. 161.*)

SUBJECT No. 161.

Forest grievances.

Messrs. Katte Channakesviah and Sankarappa Gowda, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The following redress of forest gievances may be granted :—

(1) District Forests should not be included in State Forests.

(2) Sufficient soppinabetta and gomal lands may be allotted to wet and garden lands that are newly formed.

(3) The soppinabetta and gomal lands that are now allotted to wet and garden lands are not such as to provide sufficient pasture and leaves. So, better lands may be allotted.

(4) Free access may be given to raiyats to bring the required wood for agricultural implements from forests.

(5) The malnad raiyats may be allowed to bring two-cart loads of timber for the constructions of cattle sheds, etc., on licenses issued by patels.

(6) Permission may be granted to bring from forests for purposes of cultivation, rope, vate, cane, soap-nuts, herbs, etc.

(7) Raiyats holding lands in different villages, may be allowed to bring timber for construction of houses from forests attached to the different villages.

Reply of Government.—Last Dasara, the Dewan said that all the privileges, rules, etc., should be printed in Kannada. This has been done. So far as District Forests in the malnad are concerned, it has been suggested that an experiment may be made to give more powers to Deputy Commissioners. That order has issued. If after reading the hand-book of privileges, rules, etc., the members have